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Subject: Proposed FEC Rule Changes for Nonprofits

Dear Ms. Dinh,

Attached please find my comments on the FEC's proposed rule changes for nonprofit organizations.

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cMs. Mai T. Dinh, Acting Assistant General Consul
Federal Election Commission
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Dear Ms. Dinh,

I am Executive Director of a national grassroots non-profit organization that uses the wisdom and activism of elders to promote protection of America's wild public lands. We are a 501 © (3) organization of 2500+ members, mostly aged 50 and up. I am deeply concerned by the Commission's proposed new regulations that would classify groups like ours as political organizations, threatening our non-profit status and, indeed, our very survival. Congress has already rejected this notion, and it is quiet evident that operatives within the current administration are attempting to thwart civic participation in the political process by muzzling organizations that are critical of its policies.

The Federal Election Commission has no authority to regulate legitimate nonprofit organizations. These crippling fundraising restrictions, which certainly have no basis in McCain Feingold, will have the effect of stifling education and advocacy in all fields of public policy. I strongly urge the FEC to abandon the quest for unnecessary and undemocratic regulation of nonprofit groups in the name of campaign finance reform.

Sincerely,

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